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1. APPRECIATE REPORT REFTTEL.
2. IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH MOFA OFFICIALS, YOU SHOULD CONFIRM THAT DEPARTMENT ALSO WAS PLEASED WITH CORE GROUP PERFORMANCE, THAT IT WAS AN EFFECTIVE MECHANISM FOR DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING STRATEGY ON HANDLING KOREA UNGA ITEM AND THAT WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY IN
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SAME WAY WITH ROKG IN COMING YEAR.

3. AS FOR CONVENING CORE GROUP, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT UNDER CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES WE PERCEIVE NO SPECIAL REASON TO CALL SUCH AN EARLY MEETING. IT SEEMS TO US THAT EXCELLENT STARTING POINT FOR INITIAL CORE GROUP DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE

ROKG AMBASSADORS' ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTS FOR YEAR AHEAD,
RESULTING FROM KOREAN CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE SCHED-
ULED FOR FEBRUARY. FYI: GIVEN OUR DIFFICULTIES LAST YEAR
IN GETTING ROKG ON BOARD, WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE
OPPORTUNITY TO SOUND OUT ROKG THINKING BEFORE ANY CORE

GROUP MEETING. END FYI.

4. IN SUM, WE PREFER AT THIS STAGE NOT TO INITIATE
JANUARY CORE GROUP MEETING SINCE THERE WILL BE SUFFICIENT
TIME TO DEVELOP 32ND UNGA STRATEGY IF SUCH A MEETING
TAKES PLACE IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH.

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